was rejected as it was a post-auction offer and the auction was confirmed by the Conservator, Bellary Circle on 31st May 1947.

"(c) Two extensions were granted. The first was from 1st April 1948 to 30th June 1948 and was granted by the Conservator, Bellary Circle. The order of extension reached the Contractor on 19th May 1948. The second extension was up to 30th June 1949 and was granted by the Chief Conservator of Forests on 30th September 1948.

"(d) An application for further extension of time for the removal of the felled produce in the coupe was received and rejected by the Chief Conservator of Forests on 14th October 1949."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I know whether Government have imposed on themselves a ban to give extension to contractors to work their coupes? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" No, Sir, it is not possible."

Names of factories that prepare power alcohol.

* 90 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. Minister for Industries be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 252 on the 19th March 1949—

(*a*) the names of factories which offered to undertake the preparation of power alcohol and the quantity each was prepared to manufacture;

(*b*) the names of factories and the quantity for each recommended to the Government of India;

(*c*) the names of factories and the target for each approved by the Government of India;

(*d*) whether the approved factories have agreed to undertake the manufacture of power alcohol;

(*e*) whether the representatives of sugar manufacturers have stipulated any conditions for the manufacture of power alcohol, and if so, whether this Government or the Government of India have accepted them;

(*f*) whether arrangements for the manufacture of power alcohol have been finalized;

(*g*) what the result of the correspondence with the Government of India is in regard to the manufacture of power alcohol by the Hospet factory; and

(*h*) whether, in view of the shortage of petrol, the Government propose to expedite the completion of these projects?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Industries) :—" (*a*) A statement [a] containing the information is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 1030–1031 infra.

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"(b) The correspondence between this Government and the Government of India is treated as confidential and it will not be in the public interest to disclose it.

"(c) The attention of the hon'ble Member is invited to the answer already given in reply to his question No. 252.

"(d) Yes, Sir.

"(e) The South Indian Sugar Mills Association has raised certain points concerning the price to be paid to the factories for the power alcohol to be produced by them and these are being examined.

"(f) No, Sir.

"(g) The Government of India have permitted this factory to produce 2½ lakh gallons of power alcohol subject to the condition that no subsidy or other financial assistance should be claimed, if it is found later on that its cost of production is higher than that of the other factories.

"(h) Yes, Sir."

Flood relief in the Kurnool district.

* 91 Q.—Sri N. SANKARA REDDY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that, even according to Government information, more than twenty thousand houses were damaged in the Kurnool district;

(b) whether it is a fact that, as the amount granted by the Government for giving relief to the affected people was insufficient, the Collector has asked for more; and

(c) if so, what the Government have done in the matter?

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue) :—"(a) Yes. According to the latest report from the Collector of Kurnool, the number of houses fully damaged is 32,985 and the number of houses partially damaged is 21,337.

"(b) & (c) The Government have already sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 for the relief of the victims of the floods in the Kurnool district. The Collector asked for an additional allotment of Rs. 23,000 and it has been sanctioned."

Alleged blackmarketing of paddy procured from the ryots of Kalugodu.

* 92 Q.—Sri B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1,200 bags of paddy of very good quality were procured from the ryots of Kalugodu in Rayadrug taluk of Bellary district during the harvest time at the commencement of the year 1949;

(b) how many of these bags reached the Bellary Central Co-operative Stores;